

CHRIST SCEPTRE CHURCH
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2025
TOPIC: PROCRASTINATION

MEMORY VERSE: " Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. " **Proverbs 27: 1**

BIBLE PASSAGE: Luke 9: 59- 62

INTRODUCTION

To procrastinate is to put off a required action until a future time. It means to defer or to postpone. Life is full of decisions and time is often of essence in these decisions. Procrastination is, therefore, a character flaw that affects millions of people in every walk of life. While it is regarded as normal for people to procrastinate, it can become a problem that can hinder normal life functioning. It cuts across all areas of life, from accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour to attending to assignments by students and many other areas. It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will teach us as we study in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OUTLINE

- 1. CAUSES OF PROCRASTINATION**
- 2. EFFECTS OF PROCRASTINATION**
- 3. SOLUTION TO PROCRASTINATION**

CAUSES OF PROCRASTINATION

People procrastinate because of their personal convenience - **Acts 24: 25**. This is a major reason people do not give their lives to God immediately they hear the word. Procrastination happens when people are sluggish and show spiritless attitude to the things of God - **2 Chr. 24: 4-5**. One other cause of procrastination is laziness - **Pro. 26: 13-16; 10:4**.

When people allow worldly entanglement, it could lead to procrastination - **Gen. 19: 16; Matt. 19: 22**. Consideration of family pressure at the expense of God's business could lead to procrastination of God's business - **Matt. 8: 21; Lk. 9: 59-62**. Elisha ran after Elijah immediately at the expense of family business - **1 Kings 19: 20-21**.

Environmental distraction is another cause of procrastination - **Ecc. 11:4**. We can add to this list.

EFFECTS OF PROCRASTINATION

One of the effects of procrastination is loss of fellowship and opportunities - **Matt. 25: 11-12; Lk. 13: 24-25**. Procrastination could cause one to be caught off guard and be met unprepared - **Matt. 24: 48-51**. We could lose souls if we procrastinate in witnessing - **Jer. 8: 20**.

SOLUTION TO PROCRASTINATION

Proper planning and constant reminder is a solution to procrastination -

Lk. 14: 28. Priorities should be set right - **Ecc. 3: 1; Isa. 56: 12; Acts 24: 25**. Self discipline could help against procrastination. This includes the areas of eating, talking, watching TV, movies, use of telephone and other areas of distraction. It is always better to focus on today and not tomorrow - **Matt. 6: 25-31**. Always remember that you are here on earth temporarily and let this guide you in your commitment to the work of God - **Hab. 2: 3; Matt. 24: 48-51**.

CONCLUSION

You may procrastinate but time does not. It keeps on moving. Time waits for no man and the lost time can never be regained. Today's duty that is put off till tomorrow usually gives you a double burden to bear. The best way is to do it at the proper time. Christ will come like a thief in the night. Repent now and do not postpone your salvation. Tomorrow might be too late - **2 Cor. 6:2, Deut. 23:21, Ecc. 5:4, 12:1**.

CHRIST SCEPTRE CHURCH
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER ,2025
TOPIC: THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD- PART ONE

MEMORY VERSE: "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."
John 20:21

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 12: 1-3

INTRODUCTION

A great number of believers are indifferent towards missions and missionary work. Little do they know that missions is **the heartbeat of God**. God has been behind missionary activities since the fall of man. Today, we want to study about God and His missionary purpose to all nations. May the Lord open our eyes to see what He wants us to see, in Jesus' name.

OUTLINE

1. **GOD'S MISSIONARY PURPOSE**
2. **WHO IS A MISSIONARY?**

GOD'S MISSIONARY PURPOSE

If not for God who revealed to us through His word, we would not have known that we are supposed to take the Gospel to the whole world - **Matthew 24:14; 28:19-20; Luke 24:47**. God created man for His glory and to fellowship with Him but Satan came in and destroyed that fellowship - **Genesis 2: 19-22; 3:5; Isaiah 43:21**. God is interested in removing every barrier to that fellowship. God is a missionary God.

We can see God's missionary purpose to all nations right through the Bible particularly after the tragic fall of man - **Genesis 3: 1-15; Jonah 1 :2**. God's first reaction was to promise that the seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent, even though he would also suffer in the process - **Genesis 3:15**. Sin and defeat came to all people through the head of the human race, Adam. The defeat of Satan will come for all Adam's descendants (all nations) through this promise.

The covenant with Noah and his descendants - **Genesis 9:1-17**, was with all mankind in every nation. The call of Abram - Genesis 12 was not to give special privileges to a special nation but to provide a means for God to save all nations. God needed someone to keep the knowledge of the true God alive in the world. God's intention was to use a nation who would write down the revelations of God and preserve them as a message to all nations (the Bible.) In the nation, He used a family as the preserver of truth. God told Abraham, "... **in thee all families of the earth be blessed.**" - **Genesis 12:3, 18:18, 22:18**. Therefore, the call of Abraham was purposely aimed at bringing salvation to all nations.

WHO IS A MISSIONARY?

Some people think a missionary is a white man who comes from a rich country, advanced in technology and education. Because of the advantages of his culture, he comes to help those less fortunate by starting schools, hospitals and preaching the Gospel. The word, "missionary" comes from the Latin word, "*mitto*" which means, "*to send*." The Greek equivalent is "*apostello*." A missionary then is someone who is sent with a commission from a higher authority - **John 20:21; Acts 13:1-3**. Some of the missionaries introduced to us in the Bible are Jonah, Barnabas, Silas, Timothy.

CONCLUSION

Since God takes missions seriously, we as His people should not do less. We must find our place in the business of preaching the Gospel to the whole world and play our parts well.

CHRIST SCEPTRE CHURCH
SUNDAY 21 ST SEPTEMBER, 2025
TOPIC: THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD- PART TWO

MEMORY VERSE: " And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." **Luke 24:49**

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 2:1-24

INTRODUCTION

Like any other work of God, the work of missions in particular must not be done in the flesh so that frustration, failure and discouragement would not come in. Today, we want to look at the power behind effective missionary activities to touch Gods heart.

OUTLINE

- 1. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MISSIONS**
- 2. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS DIRECTOR OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES**

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MISSIONS

The three Persons of the Trinity are all missions-minded. We have seen God the Father and God the Son in our previous studies. The Holy Spirit cannot be left out in this work of bringing the world to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. In fact, the Holy Spirit, the third Person in the Trinity, is a missionary Spirit. He is a sent One. Jesus had promised His disciples before He left that He would not leave them comfortless and that He would send the Spirit of truth to be with the believers.

The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost in a special and unmistakable way although before then He had been active in the world in various ways - **Acts 2:1-4; Genesis 1:2; 2Chro. 20:14; Judges 15:14.** He is sent by the Father in Jesus' name. - **John 16:7; 14:26, Luke 24:49; Acts 1 :4-5; John 14:16 - 18, 25-26.**

His ministry to believers is to teach and encourage them - John 16:13-15. He also has a missionary ministry to the unbelievers in convicting them -John 16:8-11- and in regenerating -**John 3:8.** The Holy Spirit and missions are inseparable. Missions work cannot be effective neither can it succeed without the Spirit. Like in any other spiritual activity, the Holy Spirit is indispensable to missionary activities. The Holy Spirit is to missions what food is to the body. If one does not eat well, it will affect the body adversely. In the same manner, if one does not seek the help of the Holy Spirit, he would be laboring for nothing - **Acts 8:29**

THE HOLY SPIRIT AS DIRECTOR OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

The book of Acts shows the Spirit of God in action as the Apostles and other believers moved from place to place and nations to nations to preach the good news. The Holy Spirit was so important to the missionary activity of the Church that the work could not begin until the Holy Spirit arrived. As a matter of fact, Jesus specifically told His disciples that they could only carry out the great commission effectively when the Spirit must have arrived - **Luke 24:49; Acts 1 :4-5.**

The Holy Spirit is the power behind mission (**Acts 1 :8.**) He is the One that can provide power for the work to stand. It is significant to note that God decided to send the Spirit on the day of Pentecost when men "*from every nation under heaven*" were in Jerusalem. Since the message is for all nations, God sent the power to make the message effective on the day men from different languages, tribes and people were gathered. This is very instructive indeed and it shows how important this work is to God. What happened on that day of Pentecost reveals the missionary emphasis of the Spirit. The Spirit also empowered the disciples to speak in the language of all these people - **Acts 2:6.** Peter preached on the prophecy that God in Spirit was to be poured out on "*all flesh*" -**Acts 2:16-20** - that whoever called on the name of the Lord would be saved - **Acts 2:21** - and said the promise of the Spirit was available to "*all that are far off.*" (**Acts 2:38-39.**) Pentecost was the birthday of the missions as well as the Church.

The Spirit sent Philip to speak to the Ethiopian eunuch - **Acts 8:29.** He told Peter to go to the Gentile Cornelius - **Acts 10:19-20** - and authenticated the conversion of the Gentiles - **Acts 10:44-47** - to the Jews who did not want to accept them into the Church. It was the Spirit who told the prophets and teachers at Antioch to send out the first missionary team - **Acts 13:2** - and the Spirit Himself also sent them out - **Acts 13:4.** This agrees with the commission given previously to Paul on the road to Damascus - **Acts 26:16-18, 23** - and in the Temple (**Acts 22:21**) and through Ananias (**Acts 9:15-16**) that he was to be a missionary to the Gentiles. The Holy Spirit prevented them from going to Asia Minor and directed them to Macedonia, a new continent. The Spirit continued to direct their movements. -**Acts 16:6-7; 16:8-10,19:21,20:2223.**

CONCLUSION

It is unfortunate today that many believers do not reckon with the Holy Spirit any longer. No wonder, the apostles succeeded greatly because they allowed the Holy Spirit to have His way. We should follow their examples.

CHRIST SCEPTRE CHURCH
SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER ,2025
TOPIC: THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD- PART THREE
(SOUL WINNING STRATEGY)

Memory Verse: “For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.” I Cor. 9:19
Bible Passage: I Cor. 9: 19-23

INTRODUCTION

Our Captain, the Lord Jesus Christ, gave us a mandate. As we prepare for Macedonia Call (Act 16:9-10) to villages, brothels, prostitute houses, prisons etc we will take a look at the mandate and strategies to help us fulfil this important mandate. May the Holy Spirit open the spirit of our understanding, in Jesus’ name.

OUTLINE

1. PRIMARY MANDATE OF BELIEVERS
2. UNUSUAL STRATEGIES

PRIMARY MANDATE OF BELIEVERS

Jesus Christ commands the believer to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature-Mark 16:15. Believers must ensure that the fruit he/she bears abide so that his/her prayers in life will never be hindered - John 15: 16. It is highly imperative to follow - up the convert so as to prevent loss - Col. 1:28. Souls won must always be prayed for and catered for- Col 1:9.

Our primary mandate as believers is to make soul winning a continuous practice till Jesus comes back in His power and glory- Act.1:6-8, 2 Tim 4:5. Part of our mandate is also to be highly committed even to the less privileged - Matt 25:41-45. Reason is that the Lord will come sooner than ever imagined.

UNUSUAL STRATEGIES

1. Small public address system fixed on top of your car blasting the gospel.
2. Sudden creation of gospel scene at a very busy road junction, like drama or playlets.
3. Collection of G.S.M numbers and sending gospel bulk SMS.
4. Flying of helicopter to distribute gospel tracts in communities and later follow it with preaching man to man.
5. Counselling outlet could be established to minister unto people's problems one on one, free of charge. Showing of exceptional care to the counselee after meeting with them.
6. Through free medical care/visiting of hospital, orphanages from time to time - Acts. 20:34-35.
7. Signing-up with organisations like the Red Cross and witness for Christ as you minister to people in devastated areas - Matt 10:32.
8. Living a complete Christ-like life.
9. Establishment of vocational and Extra-mural classes in especially educationally disadvantage areas.
10. Reaching out to prisoners.

CONCLUSION

Ensure you break every barrier that limits your contact with souls.

CHRIST SCEPTRE CHURCH
SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER ,2025
TOPIC: ETERNAL REWARD

MEMORY VERSE: *“And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.”* Matthew 19:29

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

INTRODUCTION The scriptures say do not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treads the corn. It also says the labourer is worthy of his reward. So, God has a reward for all that make it to the kingdom. We shall one day cross to the other side where we shall have exceeding and eternal weight of glory. **2 Cor.4:17; Ps.37:34; Ps.91:8.**

OUTLINE

- 1. TYPES OF ETERNAL REWARDS**
- 2. OTHER TYPES OF ETERNAL REWARDS**

TYPES OF ETERNAL REWARDS

Jesus Christ has prepared crowns for rulers in His coming kingdom. These crowns and their qualifications are:

- 1.** The crown of life – **Jam.1:12.** The qualification for this is that you must have endured temptation and remain faithful. Other qualifications include overcoming evil, loving the Lord and being faithful unto death – **Rev.2:10.**
- 2.** The incorruptible crown – **1 Cor.9:24-25.** This is for those who patiently run the race to Heaven and who are temperate in all things.
- 3.** The crown of rejoicing – **1 Thess.2:19.** You must be a soul winner to receive this crown.
- 4.** The crown of glory – **1 Pt.5:4.** A crown for true pastors, missionaries and teachers.
- 5.** The crown of righteousness – **2 Tim.4:8.** It is for those expecting the Lord. They are earnestly waiting for His coming.

OTHER TYPES OF ETERNAL REWARDS

Apart from crowns and leadership positions in His kingdom as kings and priests, the believer will also be privileged to:

- i.** Reign with Christ - **Rom.8:17-18.**
- ii.** Behold His face - **Ps.17:15; Rev.22:4.** **iii.** Inherit all things - **Rev.21:7.**
 - iv.** Shine as a star - **Dan.12:3**
 - v.** Be a pillar in the temple of God - **Rev.3:12.**
 - vi.** Have access to the tree of life - **Rev.22:1-5; 22:14.**
 - vii.** Be glorified with Christ - **Gal.4:7.**

CONCLUSION

Knowing that we have this wonderful rewards in serving God, what manner of people should we be? – **1 Jn.3:2-3**

CHRIST SCEPTRE CHURCH
SUNDAY 12TH SE, 2025
TOPIC: GODLY COUNSEL

MEMORY VERSE: “He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.” **2 CHRONICLES 22:3**

BIBLE PASSAGE – Job 2: 9 – 10

INTRODUCTION

People say a lot of things around us and some of the talks could be careless or foolish. They could come as casual talks or counsel. The talks could come from casual friends or even very close relations - **2 Chr. 22: 3**. The wife of Job gave birth to ten children and was married for several years. Consider her counsel and her husband's response. Consider how people who are close could give counsels that would affect lives positively or otherwise - **2 Chr. 10:10 – 11**.

OUTLINE

- 1. NO EXCUSE**
- 2. EXAMPLES OF FOOLISH COUNSELS**
- 3. OUR REACTION**

NO EXCUSE

Note the word “Then” that starts verse 9 of our Bible passage. Remember that Job had lost all and was not in the best position humanly speaking, ‘Then.....’
Wealth was gone, children (sons and daughters) were dead and Job was afflicted with boils. What else was left?

☐ Why did his wife give her comments?

☐ Did Job have any reason against God?

☐ Discuss conditions under which people give foolish counsels. Can there be reasons to justify them?

☐ What is the implication of Job's response?

B. EXAMPLES OF FOOLISH COUNSELS

It is not good to always think that it is all over. It could mean that our trust and hope in God is over. Consider the result of the spies in **Num. 13: 30 – 14: 1-2**. Consider **Ex. 14: 11-12** and **Num. 20: 4-5**. Note the result in **Num. 26: 65**.

Some examples of foolish counsel in the Bible:

- ❖ To sin – **2 Sam. 13: 5**.
- ❖ For popularity – **2 Sam. 16: 21**.
- ❖ Vengeance – **1 Sam 24: 4; Est. 5: 14**.
- ❖ Envy – **Est. 3: 9; Dan 6: 8**.
- ❖ Add to the list

- ❖ Give some examples of today's foolish talk, "Is death not better "

C. OUR REACTION

Our reaction should be to count our blessings, name them one by one and appreciate God in all situations - **1 Thess. 5: 18**. Think of God's mercies that cannot be seen but with eternal values - **2 Cor. 4: 15-18**. Examples

- Salvation which is by grace – **Eph. 2:5**
- Provisions in Christ Jesus - **Eph. 1:3**
- His promise to take you home to be with Him forever - **Jn. 14: 1-3**
- The unseen battles that He fights for us

CONCLUSION

The devil can use our flesh, friends or even people close to us with foolish talks. The devil can drive us into foolish conclusions and even foolish actions. You must remember that your Redeemer lives - **Job 19: 25** - and that weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning- **Ps. 30:5**.

QUESTIONS

1. What kind of people will influence your lives with their opinions or counsels?
2. Give some examples of wrong counsels.
3. What should be our reactions when things seem not to be working well?

CHRIST SCEPTRE CHURCH
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER ,2025
TOPIC YOUR DRESSINGS ,WHAT MESSAGE?

Memory Verse: "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.." **Philippians 4:5**

Bible Passage 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Lesson Introduction: One of the means of communication or passing across a message is the mode or manner of dressing .How does people see your manner of dressing, do they see Christ in you or crisis(lust, injuries, insult, pride, show -off, seduction etc)?Does your dressing edifies or defiles?(Gen 38:15-16).

After the fall of man in the garden of Eden,God knows that one of the instruments that the serpent-devil can use to increase sin in the world is human nakedness, therefore He decided to communicate to all of his desire that men should not be naked by clothing Adam and Eve(Gen3:21) in **coats**.

LESSON OUTLINES

- I. LUST Versus DRESSINGS
- II. GUIDLINES TO CHRISTIAN DRESSINGS

I. OUTLINE 1 : LUST Versus DRESSINGS

What is lust?

Lust is the evil desire to commit fornication or adultery as a result of message received through the eyes which trigger the imaginations to commit the sin.(Gen 39:7 and 2 Sam 13:1, 2Sam 11:2-4)

The message usually come from tempting dressing styles from an opposite sex. These dressing styles hold potential for lust! Because of the power of sight in Men, women dressing is particularly concerned, dresses like:

short skirts, Pants Knickers, tight skirts, slit skirts, long skirts with slits to the knees, sleeveless blouses,low cut blouses and dresses, tight blouses, sheer blouses, T-shirts. V-neck dresses, form-fitting jeans ,looser-fitting pants, Boxer exposer i.e generally anything that is body fitting, exposing, revealing and clinging!

Class Activity 1: from your own opinion, mention type of dressings you considered ungodly.

II. Outline 2: GUIDLINES TO CHRISTIAN DRESSINGS

Every child of God or believer in Christ must believe the Holy Scriptures as his or her guide to way of life(2Tim3:16), hence the following are some of the Holy Bible guidelines to Christian dressing which should be abided to”:

1. Your moderation must be known to all(Phil 4:5)
2. Beware of heretic teachings to dressings , always check every teaching with the Bible standard(2Peter 2:18-19)
3. Nothing should make you have guilt to approach the throne of grace (Col 1:21-22)
3. Beware of evil/human philosophy (Col 2:8).
4. Your dressing must glorify God and edifies men (Col 3:17)5. Does your dressings shows that you have connected to the grace(Titus1:16)
- 6.Abstain from every appearances of evil(1thess 5:22)

Conclusion

As a Christian , it is your responsibility to ensure that your dressing glorifies God, edifies men and is honorable.(James 4:17).

CHRIST SCEPTRE CHURCH
SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER ,2025
Topic : CHRISTIAN TONGUES

Memory Verse: “Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand..” **Philippians4:5**

Bible Passage James 3:2-10

Lesson Introduction:

Discipline is the training of the mind and the body to produce self control, obedience and capacity, the true reflection of a discipline Christian is his ability to Control his tongue! A Christian is expected to use his tongue different from the way an unbeliever will use his tongue.

A tongue is a little member of the body but very powerful to change circumstance and situations, it could bring good or evil depending on the usage.

LESSON OUTLINES

- I. WHAT A CHRISTIAN TONGUE EXPECTED TO BE USED FOR
- II. WHAT A CHRISTIAN TONGUE SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR

LESSON OUTLINE I:What is a Christian Tongue expected to be used for?

1. To offer praises and prayer to God (James5:13)
2. Confession of sin and our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1John 1:9)
3. Confession unto salvation (Rom 10:10)
4. Turn situations around for good (Col 4:6, prov 15:1)
- 5.To say Thank you, Please and sorry to others when necessary!(Rom 12:10)

LESSON OUTLINE II :What a Christian Tongue should not be used for

1. Not for cursing(James 3:9b)

2. Not for swearing (James 5:12)
3. Not for telling lies (Proverb 12:22)

Conclusion: Words proceed from the heart, hence the Bible encourages us to take care of our hearts, because what you feed your mind or heart with (Matthew 15:19)